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SUBJECT: MARCOS GREETES JAPANESE WAR VETERANS AND CALLS FOR ASEAN/
JAPAN MEETING

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1. PRESIDENT MARCOS WELCOMED JANUARY 14 AT MALACANANG 150
JAPANESE WAR VETERANS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF WORLD WAR II
REPRESENTING THE FIRST GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE GOP
TOURIST PROGRAM "REUNION FOR PEACE" AND USED THE OCCASION
TO RENEW HIS CALL FOR AN ASEAN/JAPAN CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED
THAT JAPAN AND ASEAN SHOULD SIT DOWN IN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS TO
STRUCTURE DEFINITE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WOULD ASSURE
JAPAN OF RAW MATERIALS FOR ITS INDUSTRIES AND IN TURN
PROVIDE ASEAN COUNTRIES WITH FINANCIAL AID AND TECHNOLOGY
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FROM JAPAN.

2. GENERAL EIICHI HIROSHI, CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS
FEDERATION OF JAPAN, SPOKE OF THE "EMOTIONAL GRATITUDE"
WHICH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "REUNION FOR PEACE" PROGRAM
EVOKED IN JAPAN. HE SAID THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PROGRAM WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR WORLD PEACE AND

UNDERSTANDING.

3. PRESIDENT MARCOS FIRST SUGGESTED AN ASEAN/JAPAN MINISTERIAL-LEVEL DIALOGUE IN HIS SPEECH TO THE FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE LAST SEPTEMBER 30 IN MANILA (REFTEL). HIS RENEWAL OF HIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PICKED UP IN THE PRESS AS A POSSIBLE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION WITH SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. ALTHOUGH LITTLE IS KNOWN OF WHAT HE ENVISAGES, THE BUDDING ASEAN/JAPAN DIALOGUE COULD NATURALLY LEAD TO THE TYPE OF CONFERENCE WHICH MARCOS MAY HAVE IN MIND.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS JANUARY 17 NEWLY ARRIVED JAPANESE MINISTER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT MARCOS' LATEST CALL FOR CONFERENCE AND SAID JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS NEVER YET BEEN APPROACHED BY GOP ON THIS SUBJECT. JAPANESE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IF MARCOS IS SERIOUS BUT AT THIS POINT THEY FEEL HE MAY BE LESS CONCERNED WITH SUBSTANCE THAN IN PUBLIC POSTURING. THEY AGREED WITH EMBOFF OBSERVATION THAT IF GOP IS SERIOUS, SUBJECT WILL SURELY BE MENTIONED IN MARCOS-LEE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING CURRENT VISIT.

5. REGARDING THE "REUNION FOR PEACE" PROGRAM, WHILE OSTENSIBLY DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER WAR VETERANS, IT IS ACTUALLY A GIMMICK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PAL TO BRING IN MORE TOURISTS AT BARGAIN FARES, FOR WHICH NOT ONLY THE VETERANS THEMSELVES BUT ALSO THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. (JAPAN AIRLINES IS UNLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECEPTIVE TO THESE FARES). THE JAPANESE GROUP WAS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE, ON A PAL CHARTER FLIGHT, AND WAS WHISKED ABOUT TOWN IN FIVE AIRCONDITIONED BUSES PRECEDED BY POLICE CARS WITH SIRENS.
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